1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Tur	96.7	96.2	110.3	93.7	119.1	100.3
Gram	140.8	141.4	140.3	146.7	132.3	134.3
Other pulses	165.7	132.6	132.8	143.0	150.2	149.8
TOTAL PULSES	140.5	127.0	133.5	136.5	139.3	137.5
Foodgrains	165.3	156.5	176.7	180.4	191.1	190.7
Groundnut	161.2	121.2	141.0	102.9	173.4	138.9
Sesamum	247.4	196.6	200.1	195.2	226.2	202.7
Rapeseed and mustard	228.5	204.6	220.3	216.0	197.4	227.8
Linseed	179.1	164.3	171.5	167.1	151.7	157.6
Castorseed	224.0	215.4	231.2	244.7	270.0	257.9
Safflower	78.8	100.0	133.3	135.5	149.0	114.6
Nigerseed	109.3	113.1	112.9	111.7	116.4	126.5
Sunflower	83.5	98.7	110.6	101.9	137.6	111.7
Soyabean	175.0	133.3	157.5	155.9	181.2	156.5
Nine Oilseeds	176.1	149.2	168.9	152.4	185.4	168.9
Coconut	120.8	127.2	146.0	156.9	148.6	148.6
Cottonseed	191.2	197.8	225.5	261.8	290.9	289.5
TOTAL OILSEEDS	166.3	147.5	183.7	170.8	188.3	177.7
Cotton(lint)	192.4	199.0	226.9	263.5	292.7	261.8
Jute	162.0	163.0	176.1	174.6	168.4	161.6
Mesta	125.7	128.1	131.3	139.9	141.0	135.9
Sugarcane	107.4	117.1	121.0	124.8	124.6	119.2

2008-09 figures are based on 3rd advance estimates as on 08-05-2009.

Distressed farm sector in Idukki, Kerala

2287. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Commission appointed by Centre to study the distressed farm sector in Idukki district of Kerala has submitted its report to the Union Government;

(b) if so, the main recommendations made; and

(c) the follow up action taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) The MS Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), Chennai which was assigned the study to suggest measures to mitigate agrarian distress in Idukki district of Kerala has submitted its report to the Government on 8th May, 2008.

(b) Details are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) The Government has granted 'in-principle' approval for providing financial support of Rs. 764.45 crore for mitigating the agrarian distress in Idukki District of Kerala.

Statement

Recommendation suggested by commission

The main recommendations made by the MS Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), Chennai in their study report on measures to mitigate agrarian distress in Idukki district of Kerala covers action for reviving ecological security and strengthening common facilities, strengthening of livelihood security of the farmers with crop specific programmes and integrating animal husbandry components for income enhancement, creating rural road connectivity with remote villages to promote agricultural marketing and improve technology and input servicing, loan waiver and distress relief measures and collateral income generating activities. Research and development component has also been recommended for development, refinement and transfer of technology in the major plantation and food crops of the district. Considering the importance of vegetable production in the district, a separate research centre with all infrastructural facilities has also been recommended. For rejuvenation of Cardamom crop, the recommended programme interventions include replantation of low yielding gardens. Cardamom Price Stabilization Fund has been recommended for price compensation.

Establishment of a statutory multi-stakeholder Idukki Aiswarya Samithi under the chairmanship of Chief Minister consisting of representatives of farming and tribal families, technical experts, financial institutions, non-governmental organizations, and representatives of women's organizations and mass media and an high powered Idukki Karma Samithi headed by the State Chief Secretary for implementation of programmes has also been recommended.

Research and development in agriculture sector

2288. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government envisage 4 per cent growth in agriculture sector in Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, what amount has been invested in research and development in this field;